

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3(a).

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the present application, with each of the claim being amended. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to Fig. 3(a) as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5). Specifically, Examiner indicated that no item "S" is found in Fig. 3(a), although it is referenced in the specification of the present application. Applicants have amended Fig. 3(a) to correct an oversight, and hereby submits corrected drawings directed to Fig. 3(a).

The Examiner objected to Figs. 11 and 13 as being not referenced in the specification. Applicants have amended the specification to further clarify references to Figs 11 and 13, and respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection is thereby overcome.

The Examiner rejected Claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claims 15 and 16 to more clearly recite the subject matter claimed, and respectfully submit that amended Claims 15 and 16 are directed to patentable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagamitsu (U.S. Patent No. 5,467,401). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

As set forth in the amended claims, the present invention is generally directed to apparatus and method for creating acoustic effects within an acoustic sound space, in which sound is generated from a sound generation point and received at a sound receiving point. One novel feature of the present invention, as the amended claims recite, is the ability to control and change the orientation of the sound generation point (as recited in Claim 1) or the sound receiving point (as

recited in Claim 8) (see also Claims 15-18) in response to detecting a change of either the position of the sound generation point or the sound receiving point.

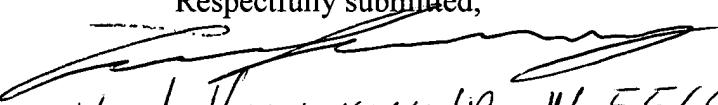
Nagamitsu does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of controlling or changing the orientation of sound generation or sound receiving points. Rather, Nagamitsu teaches only the detection of a sound receiving point; no disclosure is made as to controlling the orientation of any sound points. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18, as amended, are not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, Nagamitsu.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.393032044700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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